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**Inmate Death at FCI Hazelton**

WASHINGTON, DC: On Wednesday, January 13, 2021, inmate George Adams tested positive for COVID-19 at the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) Hazelton in Bruceton Mills, West Virginia and was placed in medical isolation. On Monday, January 18, 2021, Mr. Adams was evaluated by institution medical staff and subsequently transported to a local hospital for altered mental status and hypoxia. On Friday, January 22, 2021, Mr. Adams, who had long-term pre-existing medical conditions, which the CDC lists as risk factors for developing more severe COVID-19 disease, was pronounced deceased by hospital staff.

Mr. Adams was a 68-year-old male who was sentenced in District of Columbia Superior Court to a Life sentence for Felony Murder While Armed, Assault with a Dangerous Weapon, Possession of a Firearm during a Crime of Violence, Carrying a Pistol without a License, and Robbery. He had been in custody at FCI Hazelton since May 4, 2017.

FCI Hazelton is a medium security facility that currently houses 1,261 male offenders.

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